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**TITLE: COIL ARRAY FOR MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING WITH  
REDUCED COUPLING BETWEEN ADJACENT COILS**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call the attention of the  
Examiner to the following references:

<u>U.S. Patent Document Nos.</u>	<u>Inventor/Applicant</u>	<u>Issue Date/Publication Date</u>
4,652,827	Keiji Eguchi <i>et al.</i>	March 24, 1987
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Non-Patent Literature – Printed Publication

BOCK, Nicholas A., *et al.*, “Multiple Mouse MRI,” *Magnetic Resonance in Medicine*, Vol. 49, No. 1, pages 158 – 167 (Academic Press, Duluth, Minnesota), published January 2003.

A copy of each of the foregoing non-patent literature, printed publication, along with Form PTO-1449, is being concurrently filed.

The enclosed references were cited by the European Patent Office, acting as the International Searching Authority, for Applicants’ corresponding P.C.T. Application No. PCT/DE2005/000232, and a formal *Information Disclosure Statement* is being filed in reply to the first Office Action so that such references may be properly considered by the Examiner.

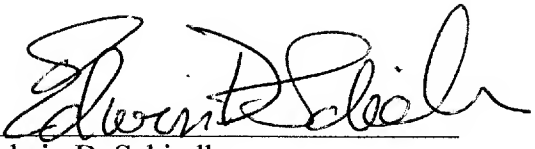
The cited references relate, generally, medical magnetic resonance apparatus known to the prior art.

These citations do not constitute an admission by Applicants that the references are relevant or material to the patentability of the claims.

The present *Information Disclosure Statement* is being filed subsequent to issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, and more than three months after filing Applicant's P.C.T. international application into the U.S. National Phase. Accordingly, the IDS fee of \$180.00 is being remitted to ensure full consideration of the references being provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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